It was a metaphor so literal, if it was a movie you'd throw popcorn at the screen. The walking embodiment of old Hollywood and white privilege, frozen in bewilderment, allows a cadre of white males to think they've won for a light-hearted confection about cute white dreamers in L.A. And then we all watch as they physically transfer the statuette to a female producer and a black director for their intimate movie about a black gay man. "I'm going to be really proud to hand this to my friends from Moonlight," Horowitz said gracefully. ***Speaking for humankind? We can only dream.*** SCHNELLER ON THE OSCAR FINALE

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A vision of rent control for all

HOUSING

Councillors call for stop to huge 'unethical' hikes

May Warren
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A pair of Toronto city councillors are calling on the province to protect tenants from steep rent increases.

Coun. Josh Matlow and Coun. Ana Bailão will hold a special joint meeting of the Tenants Issues and Affordable Housing committees in early April, when they will ask the province to review the Residential Tenancies Act.

Most landlords are limited in how much they can increase rent each year by provincial law. But there's an exemption for buildings built after 1991, with no cap on increases.

> The downtown core is becoming the playground for the rich.
> Coun. Josh Matlow

That's something Matlow, who chairs the Tenants Issues Committee, calls "unethical" and said creates two classes of tenants.

"Their rent can go up by hundreds if not thousands of dollars without any notice, and they're in a real bind," he said.

Because there are so few rental apartments on the market, one increase can mean tenants, especially young people and seniors, are "forced out of their own communities," he said.

Matlow also wants the province to review the part of the act that deals with above-guideline rent increases for pre-1991 buildings.

He says landlords often use basic improvements to buildings to justify rent increases at the Landlord and Tenant Board.

The policy was originally introduced in the 1990s to provide an incentive for developers to build rental housing.

Bailão is worried that if something isn't done soon, people won't be able to live near where they work or study.

"These kind of rent increases are not healthy, are not sustainable and at the end of the day, we're all going to lose," she said.

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COURT DOCUMENTS

Substance abuse puts transit riders at risk

The TTC's workforce has a substance abuse problem that could put passengers and the public at serious risk if it's not immediately addressed, according to a court document filed by the transit agency.

But a representative of the union that represents TTC workers calls the allegations of substance abuse "absolutely false."

In a factum the TTC submitted ahead of a hearing this week on its proposed random drug and alcohol testing policy, the agency said that between Oct. 2010 and Dec. 2016 there were 291 documented incidents in which employees' behaviour raised safety concerns. In almost half of those the TTC either suspected or confirmed that drug or alcohol use was a factor.

A transit agency investigator concluded there was a "culture of drug and alcohol use at the TTC" and reported 45 additional incidents of employees using or trafficking alcohol or drugs.

> **We have the same issues as any organization.**
> Kevin Morton

The agency said that the results of 11,000 drug and alcohol tests of its employees since 2010 "indicate that drug and alcohol use continues to be a significant problem for the TTC, a threat to its operation and to the safety of the public. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Paddling forward

RECREATION

Plan to expand waterfront access hinges on council vote

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Paddlers and kayakers will enjoy more access to the waterfront if council supports the plan at their meeting in March.

The city's parks and environment committee approved a plan on Monday to install five paddling nodes that will allow people to launch into the water using non-motorized recreational watercrafts such as paddleboards, kayaks and canoes.

The plan, which costs $500,000 requires council approval. If all goes well, installation would start this summer. According to the preliminary proposal, the nodes will be located in five city parks along the waterfront from Scarborough to Etobicoke.

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority will partner with the city for the project, partly to ensure the process doesn't cause any environmental damage.

Committee chair Mary-Margaret McMahon said the idea is to encourage a more paddling and fishing friendly city. Once the installations are complete, she envisions the potential for canoe and kayak sharing programs, just like the city's popular bike share initiatives.

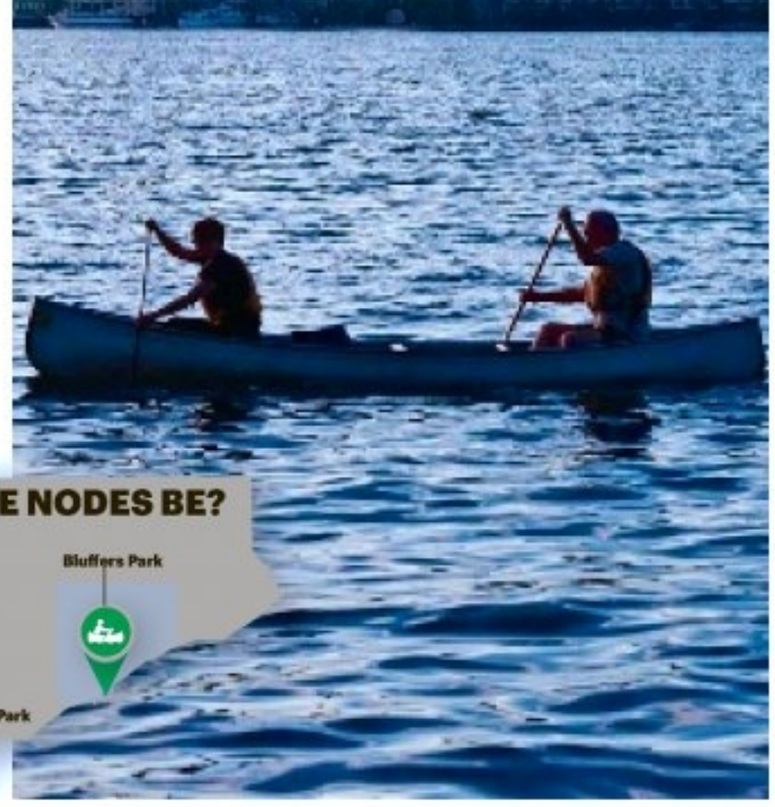
"Not everyone has a cottage, but we have this glorious lake and beach and we should be encouraging people to use it more," she said.

The locations were chosen based on their potential to provide both recreational and fishing uses, as well as parking access and community support.

Constructing the nodes is also about increasing user safety. Right now a number of boating clubs offer service on the lake, but paddlers don't have designated spots to launch from, which makes the water less accessible, noted McMahon.

Five nodes are "definitely not enough" to serve the entire city but it's a good start and a step in the right direction, added the Beaches-East York councillor.

"It's an educational tool. A lot of people aren't even aware there's a lake down there and that they can swim or paddle in it," she said.



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EDUCATION

York trustee byelection will cost up to $60,000

A week after accepting the resignation of trustee Nancy Elgie amid an uproar over her use of a racial slur, the troubled York Region District School Board is now wrestling with how to fill her vacant seat.

A staff report pegs the cost of a byelection, which would be held by the Town of Georgina, at almost $300,000. If the board opts for the appointment process, this could cost anywhere from $10,000 to $60,000.

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TECHNOLOGY

Easy-to-use anti-bullying app launches

Reporting a bullying incident will soon be almost as simple as sending a text message for students in Toronto's Catholic school board.

Starting Wednesday, 30,000 teenagers at the board's 32 high schools can use a smartphone app to report bullying, cyberbullying, or concerns about a classmate's behaviour. The app, to be unveiled Tuesday, can also be used by parents who discover unsafe incidents and want to alert the school.

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City rolling in show dough

MOVIE PRODUCTIONS

Suicide Squad, Suits created thousands of jobs, Tory says

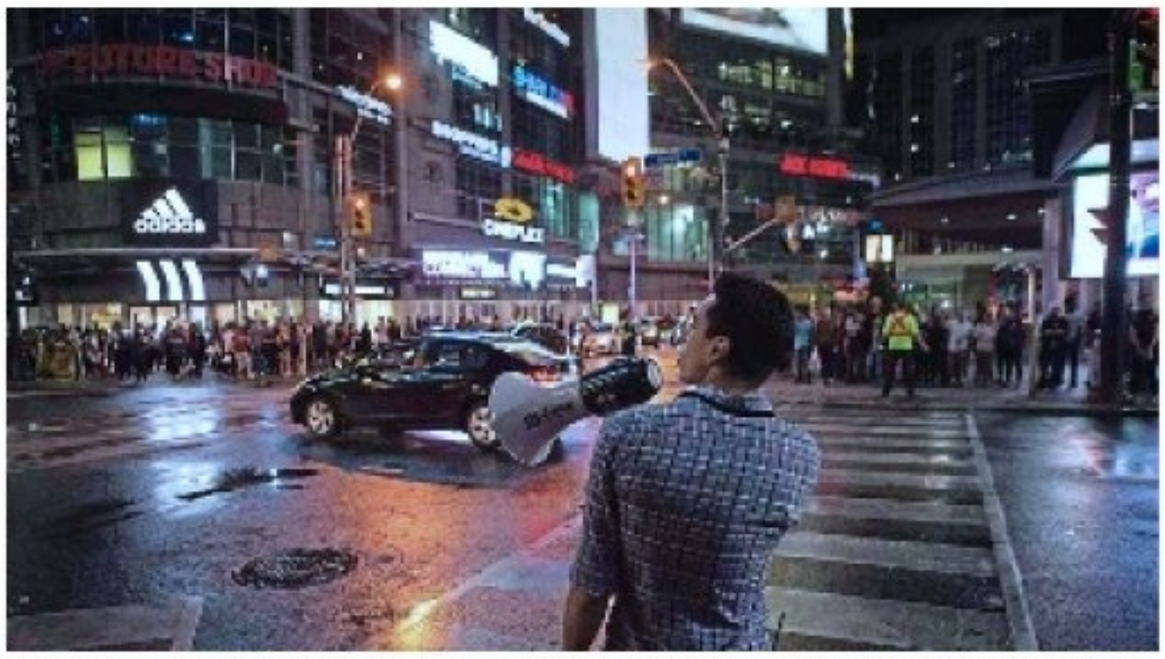
Film, television and digital productions contributed more than $2 billion to Toronto's economy in 2016, Mayor John Tory said Monday as he promised to streamline regulations, helping the city compete with other global destinations.

Calling the industry a "key economic driver" for the city, Tory said that 2016 topped the previous high of $1.5 billion in 2015.

Tory said $800 million of last year's total came from Los Angeles-based productions, adding that Toronto will have to fight to keep the business.

The mayor said he met with the studios to thank them for their business and to find out what would help them return to Toronto.

"They told me that we had to continue to invest in facilities," he said.



An assistant director stands by as a stunt car drives down Yonge Street during the shooting of the movie Suicide Squad in Toronto in May 2015. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vancouver has a full-time person promoting the city in Los Angeles, Tory said, adding that Toronto's other competition includes Atlanta, New York and London.

He said tax credits are an "important part of the package" that keeps productions coming to the city.

4,700

People employed by the academy award-winning film Suicide Squad while it was being shot in Toronto.

"Atlanta, New York, California itself, they have them, and so it's really just us being competitive," Tory said.

In an effort to bring more work to Toronto, Tory said the city is moving to streamline processes for production companies and work with residents in neighbourhoods impacted by filming.

"As our film industry keeps growing every year we are going to create more jobs and more economic success," he said, noting that the academy award-winning film Suicide Squad employed more than 4,700 people while it was being filmed in Toronto in 2015.

He also said that the TV series Suits, now in its seventh season, provides the equivalent of 2,300 full-time jobs.

"These are good jobs, they're skilled jobs, they're solid jobs, for set designers, editors, directors, hair stylists, makeup specialists, special effects, catering, sound, lighting, actors," Tory said.

Combining the $2.01 billion with figures from broadcasters and interactive digital media — such as video games — resulted in a total investment figure of $3.26 billion for all of Toronto's film, television and digital media production last year, the city said in a release. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MUMPS OUTBREAK

'Just get that shot,' says doc

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

In the wake of the mumps outbreak, Toronto Public Health has a simple message.

"Just go get that shot," said spokesperson Dr. Vinita Dubey.

She's referring to the two vaccines commonly used to prevent mumps, the MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) and the MMRV (measles, mumps, rubella and varicella).

While the two vaccines provide lifelong immunity, people born outside Canada or in Ontario between 1970 and 1992 may have received just one dose of the vaccines or none at all. That makes them "under-immunized" and susceptible to the outbreak, said Dubey.

Toronto averages just four cases of mumps a year but the city has seen a rash of cases in 2017, including 17 last week. A few potential cases were reported over the weekend, and are currently under investigation at the Public Health Ontario lab.

Mumps isn't a story just in Toronto. Across North America, schools and sports teams have been reporting an increase of cases over the past few months. On Monday, Manitoba provincial health authorities reported 176 cases.

Dubey said everyone should check their yellow immunization records or check with family doctors to see if they did get the vaccine. "If in doubt or you have no idea, just get those vaccines now," she said.

Zoo accidents are up, but 'don't worry'

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

Visitor accidents at the Toronto Zoo were way up in 2016, but zoo authorities say there's nothing to worry about.

Of the 1.3 million people who passed through the zoo's doors last year there were 174 accidents, up from 122 in 2015, according to a report that will be presented at the Zoo Board of Management meeting this week.

That's also higher than the six-year average of 114.

Shane Alexander, manager of safety and security at the Zoo, said most of the accidents are due to kids "roughhousing," "bumping into one another," and "having fun."

"It's all minor in nature," he added. One exception is injuries related to temporary or seasonal fixtures, including umbrellas and barriers.

"That's one of the things that we can correct," he added.

"We're going to make a conscious effort to more centralize that and make sure that we can correct that increase."

Only three of the accidents were "animal related."

Jennifer Tracey, senior director of marketing, communications and partnerships, said the zoo has determined it's not anything to do with the exhibits, or the rides.

"A lot of them are not even related to anything specific at the zoo it's just that they happened at the zoo," she said.

Her message to the public as March Break approaches is that it's business as usual.

INCIDENTS

- There was one accident for every 7,526 visitors this year, compared to one for every 9,354 in 2015.
- Of the 174 incidents, only three were animal-related.
- There was an increase in accidents at Zoo Camps, the Gorilla Ropes Course, and Splash Island.

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Manulife in trouble

FINANCE

Bank fined $1.2 million by laundering watchdog

It took months of intense media scrutiny and public outrage before Canadians learned Manulife was the mysterious financial institution behind a $1.2-million fine for money-laundering.

The same day Manulife's identity was kept secret, a handful of much smaller companies were publicly named and shamed by FINTRAC, the country's money-laundering and terrorist funding watchdog. That confusing double standard has now triggered a review of FINTRAC's disclosure policy amid a Torstar/National Observer investigation.

"In exercising my discretion to withhold the name of the bank, I understand that it may not have met public expectations in relation to openness and transparency," wrote Gérald Cossette, FINTRAC director, in a statement.

The carefully-worded statement still makes no reference to the bank at the centre of the controversy — an expression of the agency's uneven transparency model since its birth in 2008.

Over the past eight years, FINTRAC has named 40 companies for violating the law while keeping secret another 55.

As part of the Torstar/National Observer investigation over the past two months, reporters attempted to identify the bank by surveying all 32 Schedule I banks in Canada, asking them to clearly state whether they were the bank involved.

While almost all the banks responded unequivocally, Manulife wrote: "We do not comment on any matters regarding our regulators, whether they are rumour, speculation or fact."

On Monday, Manulife issued a public statement confirming it was the mystery bank in question.

Over the last three months, Torstar and the National Observer have published exclusive details about the offences behind the fine. Among those findings:

- Manulife failed to report one suspicious transaction to Fintrac — labelled a "very serious" violation — that experts say undermines Canada's system to detect financial crimes and trace dirty money.
- The bank also failed to report 1,174 outgoing international electronic transfers of $10,000 or more, 45 deposits of $10,000 or more in cash and four incoming international electronic transfers of $10,000 or more.
- Fintrac documents obtained by Torstar and the National Observer also show Manulife's fine, which was reduced twice from an initial $1.8 million, was for five different types of violations of anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism financing law, involving a failure to report transfers totalling at least $12.2 million.
- Manulife was also fined for failing to "develop and apply compliance policies and procedures." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

VANCOUVER

Trump company tweets alternative facts

David P. Ball
Metro | Vancouver

A man wearing an oversized Donald Trump head protests outside the still-under-construction Trump International Hotel and Tower on Wednesday Oct. 5, 2016. DARRYL DICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

President Donald Trump's sons may have taken over the reins of his international company following his U.S. election win amidst ongoing concerns about potential conflicts of interest.

But that didn't stop Trump Organization, which the President still owns but doesn't manage, from apparently inheriting its namesake's appreciation for what have become known as "alternative facts."

On Monday, a day before Trump International Hotel and Tower official opens in Vancouver with the President's sons Donald Jr. and Eric Trump attending, the company issued an outright falsehood on Twitter.

"Tomorrow marks the official grand opening of @TrumpVancouver," the 6:25 a.m. tweet stated. "The 69-story tower will be the first property to open in the city in over 6 yrs."

The inaccuracy of that claim will be obvious to any Vancouverite who has watched construction sites and cranes spring up in almost every corner of the city in recent years, many projects quickly reaching completion and opening to residents amidst a real estate boom.

The phrase "alternative facts" was coined by Trump spokeswoman Kellyanne Conway in a television interview, when confronted on lies told by her and the White House about the size of Trump's inauguration crowd.

The Georgia Street tower is set to open Tuesday, and already two separate protests have been announced.

#WOMENONBOARDS

Board diversity is a federal duty, NDP says

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

As the NDP calls for tougher rules to create more diversity on Canadian boards, a private think-tank warns that forcing gender parity could do more harm than good.

Windsor NDP MP Brian Masse suggested the government go further on its gender diversity bill, C-25, calling for a minimum number of women on the boards of Canadian corporations.

The current version of C-25, introduced by the Liberal government, requires corporations work toward gender diversity and disclose the current make-up of their boards.

Data from 2016 shows about 21.6 per cent of board seats in Canada are filled by women.

"The world is moving quite quickly on this and Canada is a laggard to begin with," said Masse.

Masse said he believes that, as a starting point, corporations should be required to have at least 30 per cent of their board director seats occupied by women.

"Canada would only join the ranks of more progressive countries on this."

But Andrea Mrozek, program director with the think tank Cardus, suggested mandatory quotas could actually make things more difficult for women on boards.

"It creates a negative work environment whereby people question how a very qualified woman got into management in the first place," she said.

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SPACE

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SpaceX said Monday it will fly two people to the moon next year, a feat not attempted since NASA's Apollo heyday close to half a century ago.

Tech billionaire Elon Musk — the company's founder and chief executive officer — announced the surprising news barely a week after launching his first rocket from NASA's legendary moon pad.

Two people who know one another approached the company about sending them on a weeklong flight just beyond the moon, according to Musk. He won't identify the pair or the price tag. They've already paid a "significant" deposit and are "very serious" about it, he noted.

"Fly me to the moon ... Ok," Musk said in a light-hearted tweet following the news conference.

Musk said SpaceX is on track to launch astronauts to the International Space Station for NASA in mid-2018. This moon mission would follow about six months later, by the end of the year under the current schedule, using a Dragon crew capsule and a Falcon heavy rocket launched from NASA's former moon pad in Florida.

If all goes as planned, it could happen close to the 50th anniversary of NASA's first manned flight to the moon, on Apollo 8.

The SpaceX moonshot is designed to be autonomous — unless something goes wrong, Musk said.

"I think they are entering this with their eyes open, knowing that there is some risk here," Musk told reporters in the telephone conference, a day after teasing via Twitter that an announcement of some sort was forthcoming.

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GERMANY

Anti-migrant crimes are 'alarmingly high'

Migrants and their homes in Germany faced more than 3,500 attacks in 2016, a number that is "alarmingly high and cause for concern," a German official said Monday, while adding that the crimes are being aggressively prosecuted and the numbers of such attacks are now falling.

Most of the attacks were crimes like vandalism to asylum-seeker homes — including far-right graffiti, threats and slander — but the report also included more serious attacks like arson, bodily harm and attempted murder. It was compiled by the Interior Ministry with information from Germany's 16 states in response to a question in Parliament by the Left party.

"There was a very wide spectrum of crimes ... every one is to be condemned," said Interior Ministry spokesman Johannes Dimroth.

The attacks led to 560 people being injured, including 43 children. Overall, 2,343 suspects were identified and investigated, according to the new report.

Comparison figures for previous years haven't been compiled but Dimroth said after 2016 the "trend is downward ... which gives us a little bit of hope."

Germany took in 890,000 asylum-seekers in 2015, and the influx caused a backlash and a rise in anti-immigrant sentiment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Trump shifts focus

POLITICS

Prime-time address to talk about progress on core issues

President Donald Trump's first address to Congress gives him a welcome opportunity to refocus his young administration on the core economic issues that helped him get elected — and, his allies hope, to move beyond the distractions and self-inflicted wounds that have roiled his White House.

Trump's advisers say he will use his prime-time speech Tuesday to declare early progress on his campaign promises, including kick-starting construction of his proposed southern border wall, and to map a path ahead on thorny legislative priorities, including health care and infrastructure spending.

"We spend billions in the Middle East, but we have potholes all over the country," Trump said Monday as he previewed the address during a meeting with the nation's governors. "We're going to start spending on infrastructure big."

Republicans, impatient to begin making headway on an ambitious legislative agenda, hope Trump arrives on Capitol Hill armed with specifics on replacing the "Obamacare" health law and overhauling the nation's tax system, two issues he's so far talked about in mostly general terms.

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PENNY COLLENETTE ON SANCTUARY CITIES

We must 'mind the gap' between the vision and the reality of sanctuaries

Giving shelter Clear laws and co-ordinated leadership needed, writes Penny Collenette. AP

The world has a massive problem on its hands. The numbers of displaced people fleeing persecution, conflict and genocide are staggering. The UN Refugee Agency estimates "an unprecedented 65.3 million people around the world have been forced from home. Among them are nearly 21.3 million refugees. There are also 10 million stateless people who have been denied a nationality and access to basic rights."

Where can these asylum seekers find safety in an increasingly unsafe world?

Initially, we assumed that sheltered refuge would be found in North America. To that end, Canada signed the Safe Third Country Agreement in 2002 with the U.S., requiring refugee claimants (with some exceptions) request protection in the first country in which they arrive, not both.

What could go wrong? Both countries were deemed to "respect human rights and offer a high degree of protection for asylum seekers."

But increasingly, the assumption the U.S. is a safe harbour is at risk. Donald Trump has exacerbated the global situation with rumours of accelerated deportations along with threats to cut federal funding to approximately 400 American cities and counties that provide sanctuary to illegal immigrants, potentially amounting to $2.27 billion in cuts for the nation's 10 largest cities.

Given this intimidating culture, it is no wonder undocumented refugees in the United States are understandably nervous and are now looking north to our country for sanctuary. Canadian cities are beginning to respond with designations of "sanctuary cities" and with requests for more resources.

Whether the numbers crossing the undefended portions of our joint border are a trickle or a flood remain to be seen. Competing visions of the future are colliding in our consciousness, in part because of politics and in part because of real confusion. The government, which is dealing with an unprecedented situation, is taking time to assess the severity of the situation.

But are city services enough? The Mayor of Fredericton recently noted that because provinces have responsibility for education and health, it may be more appropriate for New Brunswick to be designated as a sanctuary province. Similarly, a project at the Ryerson Centre for Immigration and Settlement in Toronto is studying the idea of provincial sanctuary as it researches the availability of labour markets for illegal migrants while examining municipal programs that could be "scaled" up to the provincial level.

However, before we leap to a higher sanctuary level, we must "mind the gap" between the vision and the reality of sanctuaries. For example, police forces are in a Catch-22 position as they are expected to serve everyone without question as to their papers. However, if they are aware of any illegal immigration information, they are required by law to report it to Canada Border Services. Which direction takes precedence?

Secondly, affordable housing remains a pressing issue for many cities, not to mention the challenge of homelessness. Can we build new units? If so, how quickly and which level of government provides the funds?

Successful sanctuaries, whether at the municipal or provincial level will require clarity of laws, as well as co-ordinated leadership among officials at all levels. To avoid arguments, and possible confrontations, citizens, too, must receive good communication and education. None of this is easy. Patience, rather than heated rhetoric, will be a virtue.

Penny Collenette is an adjunct law professor at the University of Ottawa and was a director in Jean Chrétien's PMO.

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Imperfect board guards against creeping NIMBY

TORY'S TORONTO
Matt Elliott

When I started writing about Toronto, it didn't take long before I developed a strong position on the Ontario Municipal Board: I hated it.

There's something about an unelected quasi-judicial board overruling neighbourhood planning decisions that's bound to rub a guy the wrong way.

But over the years my view on the OMB has shifted. It's definitely not good, of course. My colleague Jennifer Pagliaro just published an excellently-reported three part series in the Toronto Star outlining a bunch of its problems. Reform is needed.

But if we're going to talk about reforms to the OMB, we also have to talk about NIMBYism. Because whatever the OMB's faults, the not-in-my-backyard attitude that dominates local politics is worse.

In many neighbourhoods, the looming threat of OMB appeal is often the only thing keeping residents from total opposition to new development. Despite Toronto's status as a growing city where demand for housing far outstrips supply, anti-growth attitudes run deep.

I have a collection of stories like this. In 2011, for example, residents in the Beach launched a campaign opposing a condominium, calling it oversized. It was six storeys tall.

In 2015, residents near Ossington Avenue sounded the alarm over stacked townhouses – buildings that allow two separate homes to exist on one lot.

And that same year, midtowners erected lawn signs imploring the city to "save our streets from the density creep." The "density creep" was a four-storey building located a kilometre away from a subway stop. The proposed project eventually went before the OMB.

Meanwhile at city hall, NIMBYism generally injects itself in politics in more subtle ways. The city planning department is historically starved for resources. The department's net budget took a 2.6 per cent cut in the city's 2017 budget, despite no shortage of work to be done.

And while those who oppose development often complain that the infrastructure does not exist to support new buildings, don't forget that it is Toronto City Council's job to fund and build infrastructure to keep up with growth. In the interest of keeping taxes low, they often choose not to do that job.

The rampant NIMBYism and reluctance to pay for growth is enough to make me wary of any major change to the planning status quo.

The Regional Planning Commissioners of Ontario appear to share my concerns. In their report on OMB reform released this past summer, they lay out a series of smart reforms to the OMB, while also defending its continued existence.

The reason? "The threat that without an OMB local councils may become too beholden to constituents who don't want to see any change in their communities is not an empty one," the report says. We have to be careful, in other words, not to let the NIMBYs win.

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An immunization expert explains why there are still mumps outbreaks despite Canada's national vaccine program

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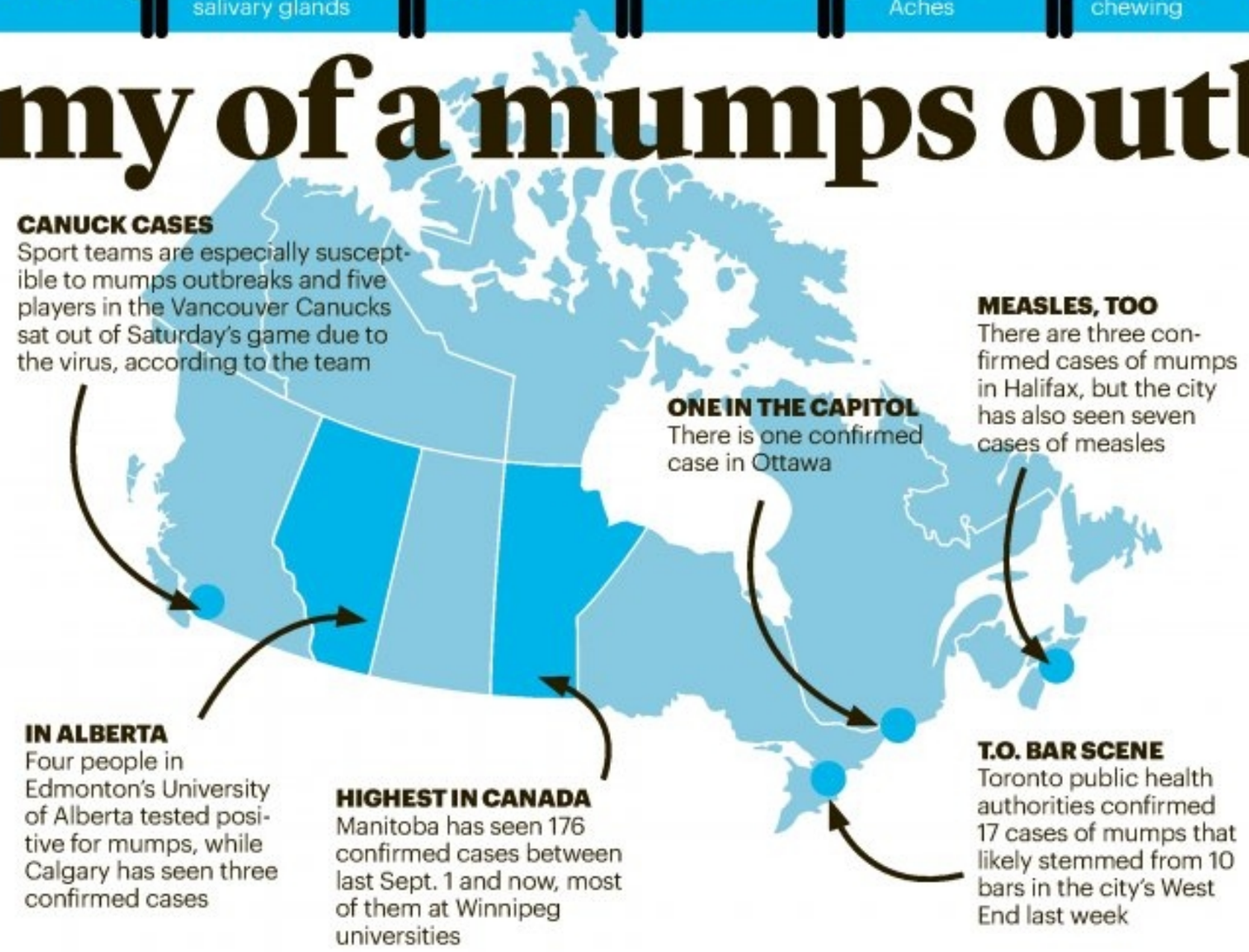

CANUCK CASES
Sport teams are especially susceptible to mumps outbreaks and five players in the Vancouver Canucks sat out of Saturday's game due to the virus, according to the team

IN ALBERTA
Four people in Edmonton's University of Alberta tested positive for mumps, while Calgary has seen three confirmed cases

HIGHEST IN CANADA
Manitoba has seen 176 confirmed cases between last Sept. 1 and now, most of them at Winnipeg universities

ONE IN THE CAPITOL
There is one confirmed case in Ottawa

MEASLES, TOO
There are three confirmed cases of mumps in Halifax, but the city has also seen seven cases of measles

T.O. BAR SCENE
Toronto public health authorities confirmed 17 cases of mumps that likely stemmed from 10 bars in the city's West End last week

HOW THE VIRUS SPREADS

Mumps is a highly contagious disease spread by saliva or mucus.

- Usually mumps is spread directly from person to person. When someone with mumps shouts at a bar, people around that person are likely to get infected by the flying spit if they haven't been vaccinated
- Kissing is a big culprit for the spread of mumps
- People can also spread mumps by sharing utensils and drinking glasses
- But the MMR vaccine is available free nationwide

A recent spate of mumps outbreaks in Canada has health experts reminding people about the importance of vaccines.

Mumps is a virus that causes the easily recognizable swelling of salivary glands. Most people recover within seven to 10 days but in rare cases people can develop complications, including deafness and meningitis, according to Health Canada.

Parents in Canada are advised to have their children receive two doses of the MMR vaccine – it protects people against the measles, mumps, and rubella.

Health authorities say it is normal to see a handful of mumps cases in provinces every year but outbreaks still occur because the disease is highly contagious and because Canada has not achieved herd immunity.

Unlike the measles, where an outbreak only occurs when a traveller brings it into the country, the mumps virus still exists in Canada, said Dr. Monika Naus, the director of immunization and vaccine preventable disease at the B.C. Centre for Disease Control.

A 2007 Health Canada pilot program found about 83 to 87 per cent of two-year-olds in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba were up to date with their mumps vaccines.

Everyone in the country would have to get two doses of the mumps vaccine in order to achieve herd immunity, where the general population is protected against mumps. Without herd immunity, outbreaks can still occur, she said.

We asked Dr. Naus important questions about the mumps vaccine:

How can I check to see whether I have been vaccinated?
The best way is to check your immunization record. If people remember where they got their vaccinations, that health provider should provide a record.

How many vaccine doses did I get?
A second dose of mumps vaccine in 1996 was introduced at 16 months of age. For individuals from about 23 to 47 years of age, most of them will only have had a single dose of mumps vaccine.

What if I'm an immigrant who did not grow up in Canada?
If you immigrated from outside of Western Europe and North America, then there is an excellent chance that you weren't vaccinated against mumps. Mumps vaccines are not used in most of the developing world. For individuals like that, we recommend getting a mumps vaccine.

How effective is the mumps vaccine?
After one dose, about 80 per cent of people will be immune. After two doses, just over 90 per cent of people will have immunity. Everyone would have to get two doses in order to achieve herd immunity.

Is it possible to check whether I am immune to mumps?
For many vaccinations, an antibody level can be checked and if it is above a certain level, we can determine immunity. For mumps, we don't have that kind of certainty. So there's no point checking the antibody after the vaccine.

Does it hurt to get another mumps vaccine if I'm not sure whether I need a booster shot or not?
No it doesn't. If you're already immune, it won't do anything. It might boost your immunity.

This interview has been edited and condensed for brevity.

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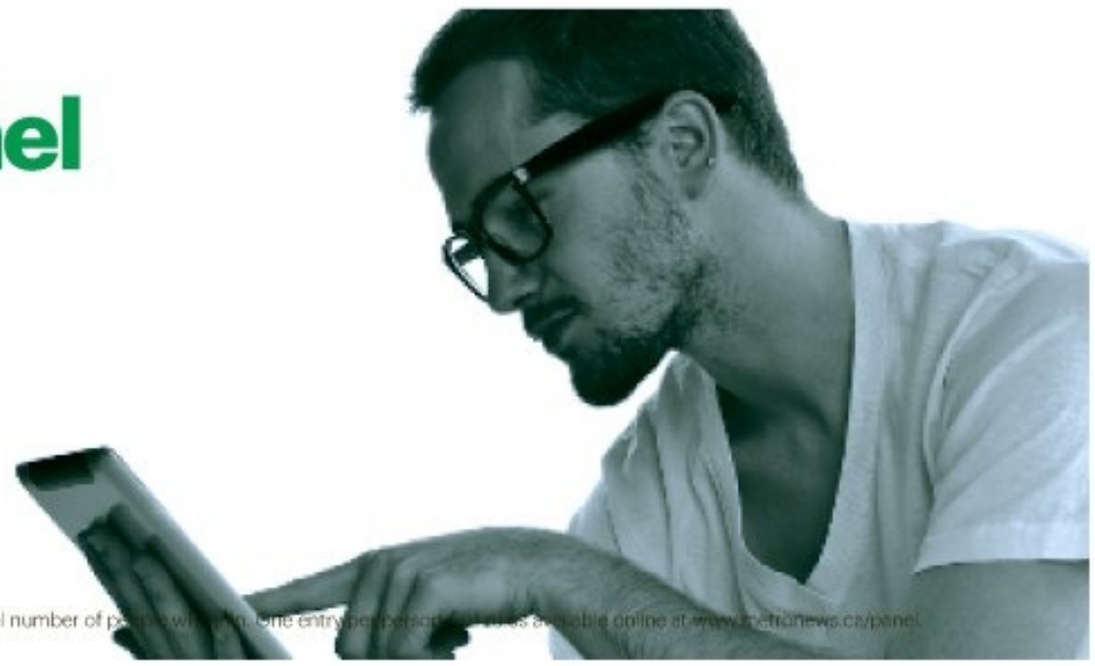

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DECODING DISASTER

How Oscars were enveloped by chaos

The question on everyone's lips in the immediate aftermath of the stunning final twist to Sunday's Oscars was simply 'how?'

Here's a look at the processes and how the Academy Awards' winners envelopes are handled before being opened live onstage:

- The consulting firm PwC, formerly Price Waterhouse Coopers, tabulates the winners based on ballots cast by the academy's 6,687 voting members. Unlike the nominations, which rely on a branch-specific, preferential-voting system, winners are chosen by popular vote.

- Two accountants are tasked with bringing the final results, inside sealed envelopes, to the Oscars ceremony. They are the people carrying briefcases on the red carpet, flanked by police protection. Each briefcase contains an identical set of envelopes for the show's 24 categories. The accountants also memorize the winners.

- The two accountants are ostensibly the only people who know the winners before they are announced live on TV.

- During the telecast, the two briefcase-toting accountants are stationed in the Dolby Theatre wings, one stage left and one stage right.

- Most presenters enter stage right. They come backstage a few minutes ahead of time, and the accountant hands them their category's envelope just before they walk onstage. The sealed envelope with the winner's name inside is opened live onstage.

- On Sunday, Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway entered stage right, where PwC representative Brian Cullinan handed them the errant envelope.

- The previous award, best actress, was presented by Leonardo DiCaprio, who entered stage left. PwC representative Martha Ruiz handed him the envelope for the correct category.

- A duplicate, unopened envelope for best actress remained stage right, and apparently ended up in the hands of Beatty and Dunaway before they took to the stage.

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A curious tale of two envelopes: Emma Stone holds one best actress card (above) but Warren Beatty was handed another (below). GETTY IMAGES

Writer/director Barry Jenkins, producer Adele Romanski, producer Jeremy Kleiner and cast members accept the best picture Oscar for Moonlight. GETTY IMAGES

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Why this transfer was transcendent

THE SHOW: The Academy Awards (CTV/ABC)
THE MOMENT: The epic fail at the final moment

Best picture presenter Warren Beatty opens the envelope. He reads the card. He squints. He looks in the envelope for another card.

He looks at his co-presenter, Faye Dunaway. He says, "And the Academy Award," and stops, looking off stage. "You're awful," Dunaway says. He holds the card out to her. She only glances at it. "La La Land," she says.

The music plays, the La La team hugs. Producer Jordan Horowitz makes his speech. As fellow producer Marc Platt makes his, people in headsets dart around in the background. Faces fall.

Horowitz charges the mic. "I'm sorry, no, there's a mistake," he says. "Moonlight, you guys won best picture." Gasps from the audience. "This is not a joke." He holds up the card. "Moonlight. Best picture."

Hubbub. "Warren," host Jimmy Kimmel wails, "what did you do?"

We know what Beatty should have done: "I'm sorry, I seem to have the wrong envelope." Instead, he gave us a metaphor so literal, if it was a movie you'd throw popcorn at the screen.

The walking embodiment of old Hollywood and white privilege, frozen in bewilderment, allows a cadre of white males to think they've won for a lighthearted confection about cute white dreamers in LA.

And then we all watch as they physically transfer the statuette to a female producer and a black director for their intimate movie about a black gay man.

"I'm going to be really proud to hand this to my friends from Moonlight," Horowitz said gracefully.

WOES KEEP COMING

RIP?

Australian producer Jan Chapman insisted she is very much alive after her face was displayed during the In Memoriam segment, intended to honour her friend Janet Patterson.

32.9M

The 32.9 million viewers tuning into Sunday's awards was the second-lowest rating of all time.

Speaking for humankind? We can only dream.

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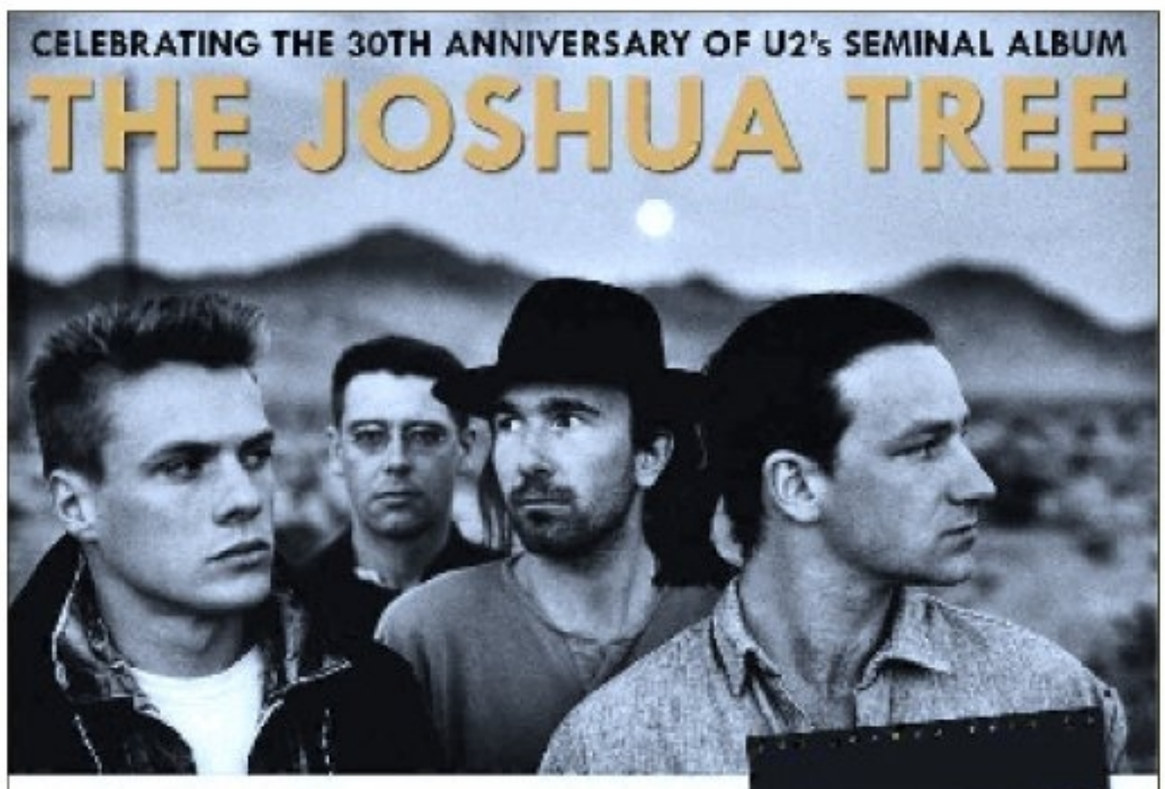

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Free agent guard Deron Williams has signed with the Cavaliers, giving the NBA champions another playmaker to help defend their title

Lowry eyes playoff return

NBA

All-star guard to undergo surgery on ailing wrist

Kyle Lowry thought he'd play through some discomfort because that's what he usually does.

This time was different, however; this time things weren't getting much better. One day would be good, one day would be not so good and now he's destined to go under a surgeon's knife to clean out some little particles floating around his right wrist.

Kyle Lowry GETTY IMAGES

The news came as a bit of a surprise, especially after the Raptors had suggested Sunday that he was on the path to coming back but that's the vagary of the injury: some days are better than others.

"I thought some local treatment would help it, it just wasn't getting any better," Lowry said of the wrist that's been bugging him since before the NBA all-star break. "We got some stuff done in Toronto and now we all came to New York and got a second opinion.

"You guys know, I don't say when I'm hurt. I go out there and play, I do my job. If I can't do my job, then I say something.

"I had to get it loosened up before and worked on before but I didn't know what the extent was (this time)."

The extent was far worse than some imagine. A visit to the same New York doctor who reset a broken left wrist 11 years ago yielded enough information that Lowry decided to have an operation Tuesday morning.

When Lowry is able to return is impossible to know and anyone suggesting Monday they could pick a date is guessing.

It will depend on what the doctors find during the surgery, how quickly he is able to begin serious rehabilitation and, eventually, getting back to game speed.

The Raptors have 23 games left in the regular season that ends April 12 with the playoffs beginning three or four days later.

"It's a timetable but we still have to do the rehab, do the process, we have to get the surgery done and then we'll go from there," he said before the Raptors faced the New York Knicks on Monday.

"For me, it's a process of taking it day by day. (Tuesday) is Day 1 and then working extremely hard to get my body, my mind, my wrist back to 100 per cent so I can help my teammates out."

Coach Dwane Casey is, of course, hoping for the best while confident in the point guard duo of Cory Joseph and Delon Wright.

"He decided to have it done now to hopefully have some time before the playoffs to get some games in," Casey said. "He's going to be back when he comes back but we hope that he heals and gets back with us for a few games before the playoffs."

Raptors president Masai Ujiri hotly disputed that Lowry's all-star weekend workload — the three-point contest and 17 minutes in the game — had anything to do with what unfolded.

"I don't think there's any bad optics here," the president said. "If you look at the history of this kind of injury, players sometimes feel pain and sometimes they don't feel pain.

"(Sunday) actually, Kyle felt OK, actually. The swelling had gone down. He felt OK, we were very optimistic. And then it swelled up again."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

22.8

Lowry's scoring average this season, to go along with 6.9 assists per game.

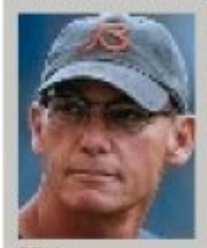
DEROZAN TAKES OVER IN THE BIG APPLE Raptors guard DeMar DeRozan dribbles around the Knicks' Willy Hernangomez at Madison Square Garden on Monday night. DeRozan made a turnaround jumper with 1.9 seconds remaining and finished with 37 points to lead the Raptors to a 92-91 victory over the Knicks. It was the Raptors' fourth straight win. AL BELLO/GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Sources: Argos to name former Als as coach, GM

Jim Popp and Marc Trestman are together again.

Two sources said Monday the Toronto Argonauts have agreements in principle for Popp and Trestman to become the CFL club's GM and head coach, respectively.



Marc Trestman GETTY IMAGES FILE

Popp spent 21 seasons as the Montreal Alouettes general manager (1996-2016), leading the franchise to eight Grey Cup appearances, winning three. Two of those titles came with Trestman as the club's head coach (2009-10). THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stroman tosses two flawless innings in loss

Blue Jays right-hander Marcus Stroman threw two perfect innings in his spring training debut but Toronto still lost its fourth straight exhibition game, 2-1 to the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Stroman struck out three of the six batters he faced and Jose Bautista drove in the lone run for Toronto (0-4), which is still looking for its first win on its Grapefruit League schedule.

Closer Roberto Osuna pitched one inning of scoreless relief, allowing two hits. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Leafs snap up Bolts' Boyle

NHL

Tampa Bay man will give Babcock more centre options

Brian Boyle adds punch to the Leafs' depth at centre.
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Brian Boyle was still with the Tampa Bay Lightning when he shut down for a pre-game nap on Monday morning. The 32-year-old woke to news that he'd been traded to the Toronto Maple Leafs.

"It's a little bit of what do I do first?" Boyle said of initial emotions to the trade, which sent a conditional second round pick in 2017 to Tampa. Boyle will likely play a very familiar role with the Leafs though, as the capable fourth line centre head coach Mike Babcock has been searching for all year-long. It's a role Boyle wore well over three seasons with the Lightning and in five seasons prior to that with the New York Rangers.

Babcock will love the size Boyle offers — six foot six and 244 pounds — as well as his effectiveness in the faceoff circle. Boyle has won 53 per cent of his draws this year, including 50 per cent on the penalty kill. He'll likely be trusted to take not only shorthanded faceoffs for the Leafs, but key defensive zone draws — of which he's won 51.4 per cent.

Toronto sits dead-last in the NHL in winning just 46.2 per cent of defensive zone faceoffs this season, including a 44.6 per cent showing from Ben Smith, the most-used fourth-line centre to this point.

Unlike Smith and a rotating cast of pivots in that spot, Boyle offers some offence too (13 goals and 22 points), shows well in puck possession (53 per cent) and can even play in front of the net on the power play if needed.

"There's some smart minds behind that organization in Toronto and I think they know what player they're getting and that's what I'm going to do," Boyle said on a conference call.

He'll offer the Leafs much-needed depth down the middle, an area that's been exposed all season and especially of late. Boyle was a rumoured free agency target for Toronto in the summer of 2014, but he opted for Tampa on a three-year pact worth US$6 million that expires after this season.

> **There's some smart minds behind that organization in Toronto and I think they know what player they're getting.**
> Brian Boyle

He was admittedly stung to leave the Lightning during a trying season, which also saw Ben Bishop dealt to Los Angeles on Sunday night. Still, Boyle saw similarities between the Lightning squad he joined three-plus years ago and the one he's joining in Toronto. His Leaf debut is likely Tuesday night in San Jose.

"When I came down to Tampa I was excited about the opportunity and it was a younger team, relatively untested and we went to the Cup final that year so the potential and the opportunity is there," Boyle said.

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MONDAY MOVES

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IN BRIEF

Forsberg named No. 1 star

Nashville Predators left-winger Filip Forsberg, Chicago Blackhawks centre Jonathan Toews and Calgary Flames left-winger Johnny Gaudreau are the NHL's three stars of the week.

Forsberg led all skaters with eight goals and 10 points, Toews (four goals, five assists) recorded multi-point efforts in each of the Blackhawks' three wins last week and Gaudreau recorded eight points (two goals, six assists) in four road victories.

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PREMIER LEAGUE

Liverpool bitten by post-Ranieri Foxes

Leicester began life without manager Claudio Ranieri by easing its English Premier League relegation fears after a stirring 3-1 home victory over Liverpool on Monday. In its first game since Ranieri was sacked last Thursday by the club's Thai owners, Jamie Vardy scored twice for last season's struggling champion.

Danny Drinkwater also netted with a superb long-range strike. It helped propel Leicester out of the relegation places and up to 15th, two points above the drop zone with 12 games remaining.

Vardy scored 24 league goals last season but the England international's strikes in either half were just his sixth and seventh of this campaign.

"We've come in for a lot of unfair stick with things that have been in the press, but you've seen that the lads wanted to react," Vardy said. "We needed to show that we've got that fight."

Liverpool, which was out of sorts despite a warm-weather training break in Spain, could not match Leicester's energy, intensity and commitment. It remains in fifth place.

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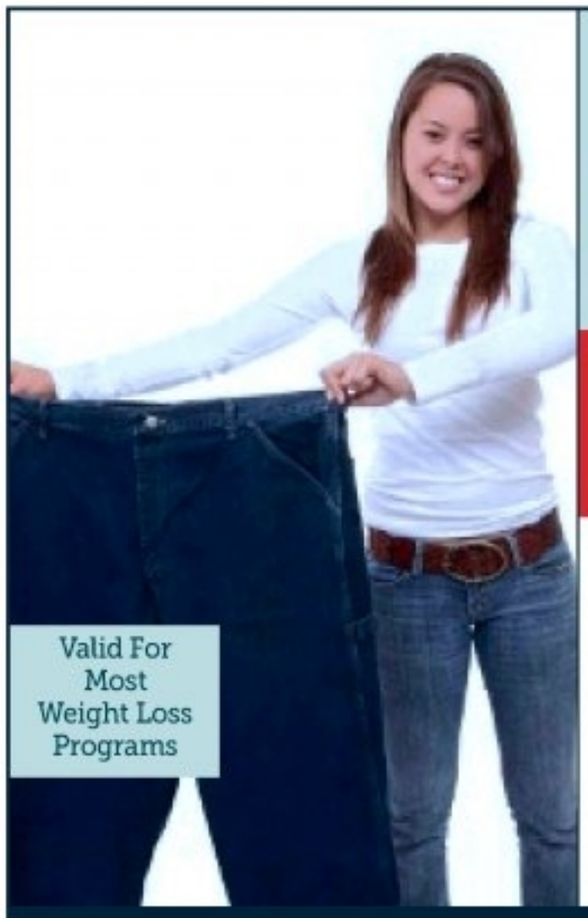

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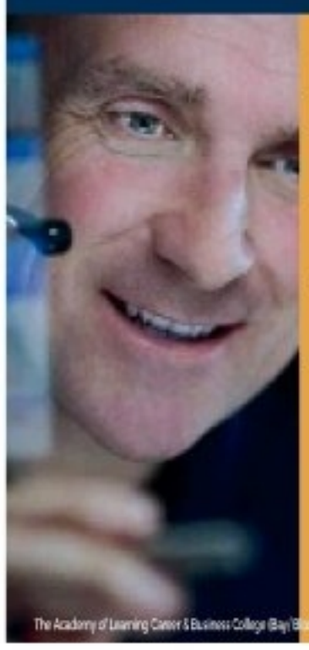

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Taco Tuesday just got an upgrade.

Ready in 40 minutes
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 4 – 6 Mahi-Mahi or Halibut fillets
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1/2 tsp ground chili powder
- 1/2 tsp ground oregano
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 small sweet potato, diced into 1/2 inch cubes
- 2 tsp maple syrup
- salt
- 1 tsp butter

Fixings:
- corn or whole wheat tortillas
- cole slaw
- 1 container of fresh salsa
- chopped fresh cilantro
- sour cream
- guacomole

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425F and grease a large baking sheet. Combine the cumin, chili powder, oregano, garlic powder, cinnamon and salt in a small bowl and mix with a fork to combine. Sprinkle over fish and rub spice mix evenly across the fillets.

2. Place on prepared sheet and bake in the oven for 12 to 15 minutes, or until fish flakes with a fork.

3. Place mahi-mahi on a platter and pull fillets apart with a fork. Meanwhile, toss the sweet potato with the maple syrup and sprinkle with salt.

4. In a skillet over medium-low heat, add the butter and then sauté the sweet potato for about 10 minutes, or until potato is tender.

5. Remove the sweet potato from the skillet, place it in a bowl, and set aside.

Serve fish and sweet potato alongside other fixings.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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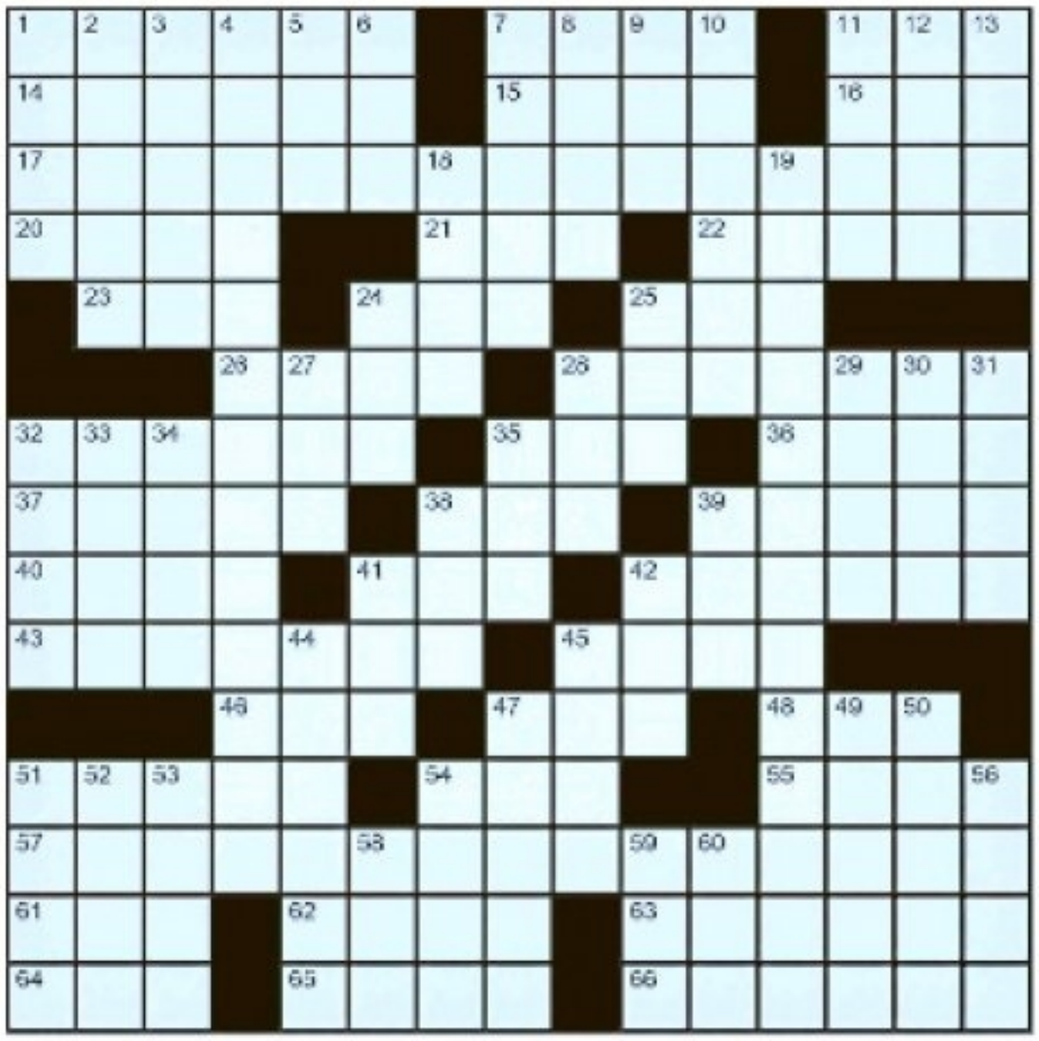

ACROSS
1. __ Tuesday (Day before Lent starts)
7. Parrot
11. Fergie's bandmate, __de.ap
14. Garlic sauces
15. Tart
16. Mauna __ (Hawaiian volcano)
17. Dairy or wheat, to some eaters: 2 wds.
20. Desire Under the __ (Eugene O'Neill play)
21. Clod
22. Lollobrigida and Gershon
23. Summer hrs. in Toronto
24. Jimmy
25. Photo
26. Hat part
28. Fireplace features
32. Invite on a date: 2 wds.
35. Canadian comedian Mr. James
36. Miss
37. Gregorian __
38. Capture
39. __ donna
40. Singer Ms. Kelly
41. Keep the grass short
42. Keys-on-a-loop character in a Western
43. My world of me!
45. Isinglass
46. Slot machine feature
47. Showbiz job
48. Money exec in a co.
51. __ Bay, Nova Scotia
54. __ clear
55. Splinter
57. Bass, as per singing: 3 wds.
61. US tooth doc's org.
62. Sporting slingbacks or sandals
63. Decline, as an offer: 2 wds.
64. TV actress Susan Hanks and Shelley Long
25. Frying need
27. Groove
28. Mafia
29. "__ and the Detectives" (1964)
30. 'L' of household cleaning brand CLR
31. Hollywood Walk of Fame symbol
32. Pretends
33. Velcro 'venue'
34. Mr. Malden
35. Sore
38. 'Name' in Montreal
39. Ocean, e.g.
41. Particular parent
42. Zippy dance
44. Fancily attired
45. Grinding factory
47. Open space in a wooded area
49. Single-named singer
50. Timely way to deliver lines: 2 wds.
51. Delighted
52. Mineral deposit
53. "Fly __ Home" (1996)
54. "Star Trek" episode, '__ Time'
56. Johnny of movies
58. Howe'er
59. Prefix to 'centre'
60. Delivery vehicle
65. Pilot's steerer
66. Synchronized on the dance floor: 2 wds.

DOWN
1. Secure
2. "__, __ friend!" (Greetings my long-time pal!)
3. Boards
4. Historic French Canadian area of Winnipeg: 3 wds.
5. '__' __ for Verdun
6. Opposite of WNW
7. Composition
8. Salon creation
9. "Gilligan's Island" shelter
10. Beginning
11. Comparable
12. Ms. Wilson of "La Femme Nikita"
13. __ into (Criticizes/attacks)
18. Benchmark
19. Canada's highest military honour: 2 wds.
24. "The Money __" (1986) starring Tom

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a lovely day because the Moon and Venus both are in Aries. Lucky you! You feel friendly toward everyone, which is why it will be easy to get along with others.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You will welcome every chance to enjoy solitude in beautiful surroundings today. You have an above-average need for privacy and some peace and quiet.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is a lovely day to schmooze with friends and members of groups because you feel very warm toward others. Enjoy hanging out with people who are creative and artistic.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You look good in the eyes of bosses, parents and VIPs today. In fact, you look so good that some of you will strike up a flirtation with someone in a position of power.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Grab every opportunity to travel for pleasure today or do something different. Because your appreciation of beauty is heightened, visit museums, art galleries, beautiful buildings and parks.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You can benefit from the wealth and resources of others today, which is why it's a good day if you need to borrow something.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Although you have to cooperate with others today, they will be receptive and cooperative with you. You will achieve a nice balance of give-and-take with close friends and partners.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Co-workers will be supportive today. In fact, you might get praise or even a raise. Who knows? (Fingers crossed.)

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is a romantic day for you. Enjoy social outings, sports events, the arts and playful activities with children. Accept all invitations to party.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You might be enthused about redecorating your home today. Likewise, you will enjoy buying something beautiful for where you live. Family relations will be friendly.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is a strong day for those who write, teach, act, sell or market, because your words are like gold today. All your communications with others will benefit you.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Look for ways to boost your income today, because they exist. If shopping, you will buy something beautiful for yourself or a loved one.

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